

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A single-step process for preparing a lubricating base oil and a converting a petroleum derived wax to provide a high yield of gas oil, wherein said single-step process comprises: by contacting, under catalytic dewaxing conditions, a said petroleum derived wax with a catalyst composition comprising ~~at least a hydrogenation~~ a platinum component, wherein the platinum is present in said catalyst composition in the range of from 0.1 to 5.0% by weight, a silica binder and zeolite crystallites having pores consisting of 12 oxygen atoms, wherein the zeolite crystallites have a constrain constraint index (CI) larger than 1 and wherein the weight ratio of said zeolite crystallites to said silica binder is in the range of from 5:95 to 95:5; and yielding a product from the effluent of the process comprising a base oil fraction and a gas oil fraction is isolated and wherein the said gas oil yield fraction is larger than the yield to the fraction of said product effluent boiling below the said gas oil fraction.
2. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the petroleum derived wax feed has an oil content of between 0 and 50 wt%.
3. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 2, wherein the petroleum derived wax feed has an oil content of between 0 and 20 wt%.
4. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 3, wherein the petroleum derived wax feed is a slack wax or a foots oil.
5. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 4, wherein the petroleum derived wax feed contains less than 10 ppmw organic nitrogen.
6. A process according to claim 5, wherein the zeolite crystallites have a constrain index (CI) larger than 1.5.
7. A process according to claim 6, wherein the zeolite crystallites have a constrain index (CI) smaller than 7.
8. A process according to claim 7, wherein the zeolite is of the OFF or MTW type.
9. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 8, wherein the zeolite content of said catalyst composition is in the range of from 5 to 35 wt%.

Claim 10 (Canceled).